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SUBJ: ASIAN REPRESENTATION IN SECURITY COUNCIL

1. MINISTER YOSHIDA (JAPAN) TOLD POLCOUNS MAR 28 THAT AS DEPT ALREADY AWARE JAPAN HAS " DECLARED" ITS CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO REPLACE INDONESIA ON SC IN JANUARY 1975. YOSHIDA INDICATED JAPAN HAD DECIDED BID FOR SEAT EARLY IN EXPECTATION NO OTHER ASIAN STATE WOULD CONTEST GROUND JAPANESE HAD STAKED OUT.

2. YOSHIDA REPORTS THAT PAKISTAN AND IRAQ HAVE TOLD ASIAN COLLEAGUES OF THEIR INTEREST IN ELECTION TO SC TO SUCCEED INDIA, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES AT END 1973.

3. JAPANESE CONSIDER IT UNDESIRABLE BUT INEVITABLE THAT SC MEET IN ASIA DURING 1974 IN VIEW AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN SESSIONS PRECEDING YEARS. YOSHIDA UNBLUSHINGLY ASSERTED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT JAPAN DOES NOT WISH TO HOST MEETING. HE AFFIRMED THAT THAILAND DELEGATION IS CANVASSING ASIAN GROUP FOR SUPPORT OF BANGKOK AS SITE FOR 1974 SC MEETING.

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4. COMMENT: USUN REGRETFULLY CONCLUDES THAT JAPANESE JUDGMENT ON INEVITABILITY OF SC MEETING IN ASIA ALMOST

CERTAINLY CORRECT. DESPITE OUR KNOWN OPPOSITION TO OUT OF TOWN MEETINGS, WE WOULD HAVE NO CREDIBILITY IF WE MERELY REPLAYED OUR 1973 OBJECTIONS. PERHAPS WE COULD TEMPORIZE, ARGUING THERE INSUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION FOR MEETING IN 1974. WHILE BANGKOK'S CASE WILL BE STRENGTHENED BY AVAILABILITY OF ECAFE HEADQUARTERS AND OTHER ADVANTAGES, USUN IS GIVEN PAUSE BY PROSPECT OF SC DIRECT EXPOSURE TO ANOTHER CONTEXT IN WHICH US PRESENCE, FAR FROM ITS OWN BORDERS, IS SUBSTANTIAL. JAPANESE MAY EVENTUALLY CHANGE THEIR MINDS ABOUT HOSTING.

WE ARE TOLD SOME DELS HAVE SUGGESTED IT DESIRABLE THAT ANY OUT OF TOWN MEETING BE HELD IN CAPITAL OF NON- MEMBER OF SC. IF THIS IDEA RESURFACES, WE HAVE IN MIND ENCOURAGING IT.

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